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Scott Whitney, Compliance Officer  
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Division of Health Engineering  
State House Station 11  
Augusta, ME 04333-0011

RE: Department of Human Services Request for Consultation  
Regarding Transport of Bulk Water by Shackley Hill Springs  
Docket No 2002-422

Dear Mr. Whitney:

On July 11, 2002, you requested Commission review of the application of Shackley Hill Springs for renewal of its authorization, pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. §2660-A(3), to transport water for commercial purposes. That statute requires that your office consult with the PUC and other agencies before authorizing commercial transport of water beyond the municipality in which it occurs naturally. This letter constitutes the PUC's assessment of whether Shackley Hill Springs' proposal would "constitute a threat to public health, safety, or welfare" in regard to its effect on any public water utility.

Our Staff reviewed the Shackley Hill Springs' proposal to determine whether the proposed withdrawal of water would have any adverse effect on the public water utilities in the area. The Livermore Falls Water District and the Canton Water District were contacted. The review indicates that the proposed withdrawals should not adversely affect these water utilities' water sources or watersheds.

It is our opinion that transport of water from Shackley Hill Springs will not constitute a threat to public health, safety, or welfare. The public utility component of the waiver process should be reviewed, to ensure circumstances have not changed, each time the authorization is renewed.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have questions regarding the public water utility impact of the Shackley Hill Springs application.

Sincerely,

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

cc: Raymond Hammond  
Canton Water District  
Livermore Falls Water District  
Case File